

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 110
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mark Herron upon being named West High School's Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mark Herron is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herron has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year at West High School, an honor most befitting his outstanding ten-year tenure as a positive influence on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, being selected as Teacher of the Year at the school level is the first step in the competition for regional, state, and national honors; Mr. Herron will compete against other school-level winners from Hamblen County in order to advance to the district competition; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity as an English II and French II teacher at West High School, Mark Herron received his Bachelor of Arts degree with French and English endorsements and a Master of Arts degree from East Tennessee State University, he studied abroad in Lille, France at the Université Catholique de Lille during the summer of 1994; and

WHEREAS, distinguishing himself as a community leader, Mr. Herron has given presentations at the East Tennessee Foreign Language Forum, the Foreign Language Institution and the Reaching the Tough to Teach seminar; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mark Herron was the winner of the VFW National Citizenship Education Award in 2001-2002 and was nominated for the Disney Teacher of the Year Award in 2003-2004; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished musician, Mr. Herron was the pianist for West High's spring musicals, *Bye Bye, Birdie*, *The Sound of Music*, and *State Fair*; he has also served as accompanist for the West High choirs, the third and fourth grade choirs at the First United Methodist Church, the Salt and Light Choir of the Holson Conference, and the Morristown Community Thanksgiving Service; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community service outside of the classroom, Mr. Herron also serves as a judge and chaperone for the forensics team, a youth counselor at First United Methodist Church, and as a member of the Eagle Board of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herron is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mark Herron truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Mark Herron should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mr. Mark Herron on being chosen as West High School's Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him luck all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.